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(ORGANIZATION OF THE ABWEHR I WIRTSCHAFT IN HUNGARY)

The organization is called Abwehr I-W and employs in part the old Landverband der Ungarischen Industriellen (National Union of Hungarian Industrialists), known under the abbreviation Gy. O. Sz. At the German Embassy in Budapest Abwehr I-W is in charge of the Commercial Attache ENGLERT, whose deputy chief is consul GRAEP.

The Leiter of this organization is Hans RIEMANN who has lived in Hungary for the last ten years. He is a German, born in Breslau, a son-in-law of Kurt REIMANN, and owner of the firm REIMANN and THOMKE, a roofing firm in Breslau. He is a personal friend of GOEBBELS and at one time was posted by him in Hungary in order to study the potentials of German influence in that country. During the ten years of his residence in Hungary he acquired considerable wealth, the amassing of which was non-controlled. REIMANN established connections with every Rightist (apparently pro-Nazi) movement, and put considerable sums of money at their disposal. During the 1937 elections he put about half a million pengos at the disposal of the SZALASY Party. In this way he enabled the Party to gain advantage over any other party. Some time later he determined that this Party would not be able to come through (with the desired results). He therefore turned to the newly founded IMREDI Party, and delegated Dr. Karl NEY as Director of the Party. In order to give Dr. NEY a good standing in the Party, he did not demand the payment of a salary for him. These payments were made out of the personal funds of subject.

In Hungary REIMANN officially functions as Director of a number of factories, namely:

NYERSPAPIR ES FIDOLEMFZGYAR ROT. Rohpapier und Dach-  
pappenfabrik  
BIEN JANOS A.G. Asphalt- und Teerpappenfabrik  
POSZNANSZKY ES STRELITZ. dto  
KOROMIPAR R.T. Russindustrie A.G.  
UTEPI TO ES ASZFALTOZO R.T. Strassenbau und Asfaltie-  
rungs A.G.

and several other smaller factories. In reality REIMANN is Leiter of Economic Espionage in Hungary which he, himself, created and organized. For this purpose he had at his disposal a sum of 80,000 pengos monthly. It has been established that this money came from Germany.

REIMANN's deputy chief in 1939 was STRUBE, Reichs-German and official representative of the RHEINMETALL TYPEWRITER Factory, Budapest, Vilmos csaszar ut.

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Since this new organization (the IMREDEY Party) had gained considerable foothold (in Hungary) and through "Blinds" gained control of many so-called Aryanized firms, Dr. Ing. Carl SCHMID, Minister of Economic Defense, Berlin, was put in controlling charge of the organization. Officially Dr. SCHMID assumed the post of Director of the DONAU FLUGZEUGBAU A.G., Budapest, Horthyigat, Csepel Island. It is here that the Messerschmitt airplanes are being manufactured.

Dr. Karl NEY has the additional duty - since he is a Hungarian citizen - of maintaining liaison with the Hungarian officials, such as the Ministries, Office of Foreign Commerce, banks, etc. In this work Dr. NEY's activity as Director of the IMREDEY Party was of considerable importance, since through his party connections he was able to establish liaison with the various government offices.

Dr. NEY is about 33 years old, married, and the son of quite poor German Bacsker peasants, that is, he is a member of the Hungarian-German minority. Subject was educated by the Jesuits; quite suddenly however he left his clerical profession and became an assistant to a lawyer. From his marriage he realized several thousand pengos in dowry and with the aid of some Jewish money, he rented an estate on the Drau-Ufer. When the Aryan measures were being carried through in Hungary his first concern became to put his creditors in a concentration camp so that he would be able to acquire the estate as his own property. Later he sold the estate at a very high price to the state. In 1942 he volunteered for the Waffen SS with the understanding however that he be transferred back to the Hungarian military forces after a six weeks training service in Berlin. He served two months in order to become accomplished, after which he was detached from the SS. Together with the extreme Rightist AMBRUS, who had distinguished himself as a correspondent, he founded the organization known as "Keleti Front Bajtarsi Szovetsseg" - Union of Fighters against the Soviets. The reason for the founding of this organization was to facilitate the establishment of connections with official German circles. Under the presidency of IMREDEY, he was successful in drawing together all of the Rightist factions in Hungary. It is for this reason that this organization today plays a very important role in political circles friendly to the Germans.

Another very important co-worker of Dr. NEY is Dr. KOPFLER, Director of the Gy. O. Sz. At the same time KOPFLER functions in an advisory capacity to RIEMANN's various industrial enterprises. KOPFLER also had copies made of official records on Hungarian industries (conditions of factories, locations of

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power plants, number of workers, conversion and development possibilities, etc.) This data was turned over to the RIEMANN organization. The Germans were thus in a position in Hungary to determine the capacity of each single industry and convert it to war production. The reward which KOFFLER was given by the Germans for this service was the position of First Director of Gy. O. Sz. and a villa.

Another important co-worker is GEZA VARSANYI, General Director of the Ostermelok Fogyasztasi es Ertekesito Szovetkezet - - Verwertungs und Verzehrunsgenossenschaft der Unproduzenten. He is a Hungarian of German descent from Apatin. His family name was VOLKSMANN. He had very good relations with several of the members of the Hungarian General Staff, primarily with the chief of the General Staff, Heinrich WERTH, and his successor SZOMBATHELYI, both of whom are of German descent. Through these relationships he was able to get a first-hand knowledge of projected plans regarding military fortifications, industrial construction, conversion, change, etc. This information he passed on to KOFFLER. In this manner Abwehr I-W was fully informed on all plans and was able to counter any measures with which the Germans were not in full agreement.

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